JAGGERY MANUFACTURED IN COCHIN—STATISTICS OF

141. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any statistics available with them as regards the total quantity of jaggery (cocoanut, sago, and palmyra) manufactured annually in Cochin State;

(*ii*) the number of people who are employed in that occupation;

(*iii*) the quantity of jaggery consumed annually in the State and the quantity sent out to markets outside Cochin State;

(*b*) whether they have made any attempt so far to manufacture sugar from jaggery and to find out additional marketing facilities for this commodity ?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

(*a*) The average annual production of jaggery is given below.—

Cocoanuts	4,000 maunds
Palmyra	15,000 ,,
Sago	38,000 ,,

(*ii*) Judging from the No. of jaggery licenses issued in 1114 and up to the end of Edavam 1115, 2290 and 2519 persons are employed in the manufacture of jaggery from sweet-toddy during the two periods respectively.

(*iii*) Figures of consumption and export are not maintained.

(*b*) No.

TODDY SHOPS IN THE TRICHUR TALUK

142. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of toddy shops in the Trichur Taluk fetching a rental of above Rs. 600 (the rental for 1109 may be taken as the standard);

(*b*) the total Excise Revenue on the above account alone from these shops;

(*c*) how many of these have been given to the same individual; also the total rental of such shops;

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(*d*) whether these were given to the same contractor by auctioning out single shops separately;

(*e*) did Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (Member for Trichur, Ezhuvas) send a letter to the Commissioner in Medam 1115 concerning this matter;

(*f*) if so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the letter on the table of each member?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

(*a*) 48 toddy shops.

(*b*)

1113	..	Rs. 1,26,505
1114	..	,, 1,33,160
1115	..	,, 1,30,910
1116	..	,, 1,31,490

(*c*)

Year	*Individual's name*	*No. of shops given to him*	*Rental of these shops*
1113	P. U. Iyyukutty	8	Rs. 68,500
	K. V. Krishna Thandan	4	,, 6,520
	V. M. Sankaran	2	,, 3,910
	T. K. Vareed	2	,, 2,520
	V. K. Sankaran	4	,, 4,585
	K. K. Velappan	2	,, 2,975
1114	P. V. Pathrose	14	,, 79,870
	A. D. Poulose	2	,, 3,280
	K. V. Krishna Thandan	4	,, 7,600
	T. K. Vareed	2	,, 2,960
	K. K. Velappan	2	,, 1,450
	C. K. Parankutty	2	,, 4,400
1115	P. V. Pathrose	21	,, 93,975
	A. D. Poulose	2	,, 2,850
	K. V. Krishna Thandan	3	,, 4,630
	K. R. Kunhikrishnan	2	,, 1,710
	V. K. Purushothaman	2	,, 3,730
1116	P. V. Pathrose	27	,, 1,03,680
	K. V. Krishna Thandan	6	,, 7,660
	K. R. Kunhikrishnan	2	,, 2,250
	K. Velappan	2	,, 2,560
	M. L. Antony	2	,, 1,330
	V. K. Purushothaman	2	,, 3,730

The remaining shops were taken independently by different individuals.

(*d*) In the year 1113 P. U. Iyyukutty was given the shops by tender. Shops were auctioned individually and were sold in groups only when there are no bidders to take them independently.

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(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Copy of the letter is appended. *(Appendix I).*

ROWDYISM IN MULLOOR—CHALAKKAL VILLAGE, TRICHUR

143. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Commissioner of Police or any officer of his Department has received any petition from some people of Mulloor, Chalakkal Village, Trichur Taluk, complaining that a set of people of disreputable character are giving them constant troubles and that peaceful and quiet life has become impossible in that locality;

(*b*) whether any charge was made against the conduct of the local member of the Village Vigilance Committee;

(*c*) whether the Police made any enquiry into the matter;

(*d*) the number of times the Inspector of Police, Trichur Cusba, has visited this locality in Mithunam 1115;

(*e*) how many times have Police constables or Head constables visited Mulloor in Mithunam 1115?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No reply necessary.

(*d*) Once (till 17th Mithunam 1115).

(*e*) Nil (till 17th Mithunam 1115).

144. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of the members of the Village Vigilance Committee from Chalakkal Village, Trichur Taluk;

(*b*) whether the Police Commissioner or any officer of the Police Department has received any complaint against the conduct of the member or members referred to in (*a*);

(*c*) what were the allegations;

(*d*) whether any enquiry was made or investigations made on such allegations?

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(ബി) ഈ കൊല്ലത്തിൽ വൃശ്ചികം, ധനു, മകരം, കുംഭം ഈ മാസങ്ങളിലാണ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളത്".

(സി) ഉവ്വ്".

(ഡി) ഇപ്പോൾ നടക്കുന്നതായ യുദ്ധം കാരണം മരുന്നുകൾ കിട്ടുവാൻ താമസം നേരിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്".

APPENDIX I

(Please see answer to question No. 142)

Copy of the letter, from Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty

In regard to the growing system of monopoly of toddy shops in the Trichur Taluk, I wish to draw your attention to the dangers ahead of the system.

1. The present system of giving several shops to the same individual by auction or by tender may for the present appear to be a convenient one both from the point of auctions and collections. It may also bring in apparently greater revenue. But its dangerous effects will be far reaching and will begin to appear during the course of not less than ten years.

2. The immediate effect of the system will be to wipe away all petty contractors from the field. This is proceeding and will be almost complete within at least 5 years. Gradually the monopolist will find himself "monarch of all I survey" and then alone Government will realise that they had already gone far in the wrong direction. The individual who will be left without competition in the field will begin to dictate terms to the Government. The auction sales will go down and the individual monopolist will begin to assume a patronising attitude and will certainly say that he is bidding simply to oblige the Government. Later on private sales and illicit distillation will increase to a considerable extent and will go on without being detected at all.

3. I know who all are interested in keeping up this system which is beset with potential evils; I hope you also know them. To them their own private pecuniary aggrandisement is more important than balancing the Cochin State budget. Certainly there will be strong opposition from such quarters in trying to do away with this.

I do not know whether my remarks will carry any weight with the Government. Whatever that may be, I request that this may form part of your records so that if my words of prophecy I make bold to so characterise them—come true ten years hence, I will at least have the satisfaction of again pointing out to your successor that such effects were once warned against and in spite of the warning things have been left to take their own course.

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